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On August 25, 2005, the California Public Utility Commission (PUC) voted to implement a 424 overlay in the 310 area code. The potential hardships of this proposal are numerous; from mandatory 11 digit dialing to other numbers in this service area, to having neighbors and business owners on the same street or right next door having to dial a long distance number to call each other.

The PUC concluded that implementation was required on an expedited basis because the available numbers remaining in the 310 area had almost been exhausted. However, this opinion is in opposition to the view shared by many local leaders impacted by the 310/424 decision. This Board and the South Bay Coalition, consisting of the South Bay Council of Governments and elected officials from the region, have worked diligently to urge the PUC to implement aggressive number conservation measures and to conduct more detailed and current studies before taking the significant step of creating an overlay or geographical split of the 310 code area. However, the PUC issued its order anyway.

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Several parties have already sought reconsideration by the PUC of its order on various grounds. I continue to believe that the PUC has not considered all available evidence regarding the number exhaustion issue, and did not fully consider some new information, such as the FCC authorization of a technology overlay and new rules regarding cellular phone number portability. I believe that if presented with this information, the PUC should re-evaluate its decision to push for implementation of an overlay at this point.

I THEREFORE MOVE that County Counsel be directed to coordinate its efforts with the South Bay Coalition and to prepare and submit to the PUC a petition for modification, or other appropriate motion, on behalf of the County seeking to prevent or delay the implementation of any overlay in the 310 area code.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to identify appropriate funding to provide for any needed expert consultant efforts in connection with County Counsel's preparation of the County's filing.

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